



Memorandum of Understanding
on agricultural research and cooperation
between
the Council for Agricultural Research and Economics
of the Italian Republic
and
The Southern Agriculture Research Institute
of the Republic of Uzbekistan

The Council for Agricultural Research and Economics of the Italian Republic and the Southern Agricultural Research Institute of the Republic of Uzbekistan, hereinafter individually referred to as a “Participant” and jointly as “the Participants”;

PURSUANT TO the prevailing laws and regulations in their respective countries;

CONSIDERING that the Council for Agricultural Research and Economics, hereinafter also referred to as “CREA”, is the main research organization of the Italian Republic in the fields of agriculture, agroindustry, food, fishery and forestry, livestock, rural development and economics research, that promotes and conducts fundamental, applied and development research on a broad range of knowledge areas;

CONSIDERING that the Southern Agricultural Research Institute, hereinafter also referred to as “SARI”, is a leading research institution of the Republic of Uzbekistan specializing in agricultural sciences, including genetics and breeding of crops (particularly cereals and legumes), seed production, plant physiology, biotechnology, and the development of modern, resource-efficient and climate-resilient agricultural technologies, contributing to national food security and sustainable agricultural development;

BEING AWARE OF the significant role of agriculture, agroindustry, food, fishery and forestry, rural development and economics research in the economic development of the two countries;

AIMING TO promote economic, scientific and technological cooperation between their countries in the aforementioned fields;

WHEREAS the goal of this Memorandum of Understanding is to promote the collaborative relationship in agricultural research and cooperation, and other related matters between CREA and SARI, in order to contribute to the social well-being and economic development of their countries;

WHEREAS CREA and SARI could be joint partners in developing cooperation projects and collaborative research in the aforementioned fields;

HAVING REGARD TO the Agreement on Cultural and Scientific Cooperation between the Government of the Italian Republic and the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan, done at Tashkent on 3 May 1997, in particular to its Article 11;

RECALLING the Joint Declaration on Economic Cooperation between the Italian Republic and the Republic of Uzbekistan, done at Tashkent on 3 May 1997, in particular its Article 10;

WHEREAS the Agreement on Friendship and Cooperation between the Italian Republic and the Republic of Uzbekistan, done at Tashkent on 17 September 1997, in particular to its Article 9;

INTERESTED IN fostering further collaboration in research, including in the field of breeding cereal crops (durum and bread wheat, barley) for resistance to abiotic and biotic stresses;

INSPIRED BY their common objectives to further promote and accelerate agricultural and economic research;

have entered into the following Memorandum of Understanding:

Article 1

Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "Memorandum") is to promote and encourage economic, scientific and technical cooperation between the Participants as well as between their respective research bodies in the field of agriculture.

Article 2

Applicable law

1. This Memorandum will be carried out by the Participants under their exclusive competence and in accordance with the Italian and Uzbek legislations, as well as applicable international law and, as for the Italian Participant, the obligations arising from Italy's membership of the European Union (EU).
2. This Memorandum does not constitute an international agreement which may lead to rights and obligations under international law. No provision of this Memorandum will be understood and performed as a legal obligation or commitment of the Participants.

Article 3

Cooperation activities

1. The Participants will cooperate on the following activities:
 - a) exchange of research materials, including samples of products which are not covered by commercial and intellectual property rights;
 - b) exchange of publications and information, including information on possible funding opportunities at national and/or international level for joint activities falling within the scope of this Memorandum;
 - c) exchange of research personnel;
 - d) collaborative work on relevant research meetings and conferences;
 - e) development and implementation of collaborative research projects;
 - f) collaboration in training programs including staff development;
 - g) elaboration of joint bilateral and multilateral projects;
 - h) organization of communication activities (organization of fairs, exhibitions, workshops, conferences, symposia etc.);
 - i) promotion of research activities;
 - j) other related activities of interest identified by the Participants.
2. Any further development of the collaboration will be jointly evaluated following needs, interests, capacity and effectiveness for such cooperation of both Participants, and the level of financial resources available for the implementation of the subsequent joint program.
3. It is understood that specific collaborative activities between the Participants, will be developed within the scope of this Memorandum and will be approved by mutual written consent of the Participants.

Article 4

Amendments

Any amendment to this Memorandum will be made upon mutual consent of the Participants and in written form.

Article 5

Joint Committee

1. For the implementation of the activities set forth in this Memorandum, the Participants will set up a Joint Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation, which will work under the supervision of the Joint Committee established under Article 11 of the Agreement on Cultural and Scientific Cooperation between the Government of the Italian Republic and the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan, done at Tashkent on 3 May 1997.
2. The Joint Committee will consist of representatives of each Participant and will be co-chaired by the heads of each delegation. Within the scope of this Memorandum, the Joint Committee will establish its own rules of procedure which will be approved by mutual consent of the Participants.
3. The functions of the Joint Committee will include:
 - a) exchanging views and information on scientific and technological policy issues;
 - b) reviewing and discussing the cooperative activities and accomplishments under this Memorandum;
 - c) making recommendations to the Participants with regard to the implementation of this Memorandum, which may include the identification and proposal of possible cooperative activities under this Memorandum and the encouragement of their implementation;
 - d) providing an annual report to the Participants on the status, the achievements and the effectiveness of the cooperative activities under this Memorandum. The report will be written in the English language;
 - e) proposing joint programs, project or activities to be submitted to the Participants for their possible implementation within the framework of this Memorandum.
4. The Participants, through the Joint Committee, will promote specific forms of cooperation for each area of specialization.
5. The Joint Committee will meet at least once a year, through videoconferencing.

Article 6

Costs

1. This Memorandum will not create any financial commitments of the Participants.
2. Any costs of the activities deriving from this Memorandum will be discussed between the Participants and defined on a case-by-case basis. The activities envisaged by this Memorandum are subject to the availability of funds and personnel.
3. The expenses arising from the implementation of this Memorandum will be covered by the Participants according to their ordinary budget availability without

any additional cost for the State budgets of the Italian Republic and the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 7

Intellectual property rights

1. Scientific and technological information having non-proprietary nature arising from direct cooperative activities may be made available to the public by each Participant through customary channels and in accordance with its general procedures.
2. Intellectual property rights will be respected and enforced by the Participants throughout the cooperation activities implemented under this Memorandum. Should any joint activity involve intellectual property rights, on the basis of this Memorandum, the Participants, in accordance with their respective legislations, will reciprocally determine, in writing and in advance, what constitutes intellectual property rights as well as their adequate and effective protection.

Article 8

Research material transfer arrangements

In case the transfer of research materials is required for collaboration activities set forth in this Memorandum, such materials will be transferred in accordance with laws and regulations in force in the countries of the Participants through separate Material Transfer arrangements concluded between the Participants and/or Enterprises, Institutions and economic Agents subject to approval by the Participants.

Article 9

Settlement of differences

Any difference in the interpretation and/or implementation of this Memorandum will be settled amicably through direct consultations and negotiations between the Participants.

Article 10

Confidentiality

1. Each Participant will observe the status of confidentiality of documents, information and other data received or supplied to the other Participant for the implementation of this Memorandum.
2. Participants will not use such information for purposes other than specified without the prior written consent of the other Participant.
3. The Participants will observe the confidentiality of documents, information and other data exchanged between them during the period of effect of this Memorandum as well as for three (3) years after its termination.

Article 11
Personal data processing

The Participants will ensure protection of personal data regarding a person or allowing his/her identification, involved in the initiatives under this Memorandum and will not transfer such personal data to third parties without prior written mutual consent and, in any case, will process them in accordance with the relevant EU and national legislation.

Article 12
Final provisions

1. This Memorandum takes effect on the date of signature and will remain valid for five (5) years. It will be automatically renewed for further periods of five (5) years, unless one of the Participants notifies the other of its intention not to renew it at least six (6) months prior to the intended date of renewal.
2. This Memorandum may be terminated by either Participant at any time with a six (6) month prior written notice-
3. Unless otherwise jointly decided by the Participants, the termination of this Memorandum will not affect the implementation of any ongoing activities and/or programs which may continue until their completion.

Signed in Tashkent, on 24/03/2026, in two (2) originals, in the English language, both texts being equally authentic.

**For the Council for Agricultural
Research and Economics of the Italian
Republic**

President

**The Southern Agricultural Research
Institute of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

Director